



RHODE ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

RI Golf Hall of Fame Inducts Five

If you attended the Rhode Island Golf Association annual dinner then you know how much passion Rhode Islanders have for the game. Ledgemont Country Club was filled to capacity for this fantastic evening and each recipients' speech was filled with genuine love for the game and its unique relationship with Rhode Island.

For the first time a golf coach and a superintendent were inducted. Archie Boulet and Anthony Caranci drew a large portion of the crowd with former Bryant University players and 25+ area superintendents in attendance. These gentlemen spent their careers involved in the game; Boulet as the golf coach at Bryant, and Caranci as superintendent at Ledgemont Country Club.

Receiving the distinguished service award was Anthony Paolino. A good player in his own right, he dedicated his time to the game of golf. As a member of Metacomet CC and Rhode Island CC, Tony spent countless hours volunteering at RIGA events. He is past president of the Rhode Island and New England Golf Associations and was a 19-year member of the USGA Regional Affairs Committee. You can still see Tony volunteering at RIGA events on a regular basis.

Stanton Abrams and Martha Kirouac were great champions and both stayed involved in golf after their competitive years ended. Stan is a three-time RIGA champion, twice winning the Amateur; once winning the Mixed Foursomes. He also formed a group called the Senior Tour Players, which today is known as the Senior Tour. Stan is still involved in the game with the creation of Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy, MA.

Martha Kirouac won the NCAA championship in 1967 and US Women's Amateur in 1970. After moving to Rhode Island she won the Rhode Island Women's Amateur three times and the New England Women's Amateur in 1975. She also was a RIGA champion winning the Mixed Foursomes Championship four times with her husband Bob. Once her competitive days ended, Martha gave back to the game as a member of the USGA's



Women's Committee and captain of the 2004 Curtis Cup team. She is now Director of Course Rating for the Georgia State Golf Association and also was inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame in 2006.

Also honored were Player of the Year champions Bobby Leopold and Dr. George Pirie, along with Amateur and Joseph J. Sprague Sr. stroke average champion Brad Valois. The RI Golf Hall of Fame was started in 2001 and now consists of forty distinguished members.

What's New for 2012

Handicapping

The RIGA will conduct its annual handicap seminar at Potowomut GC on Wednesday, March 21. This is important with 2012 being a handicap system change. The biggest change is the adoption of a National Revision Schedule. This will eliminate overlap for golfers who are members of clubs with different handicap vendors. If you would like to attend please contact the RIGA at 401-272-1350. The score posting season for 2012 in Rhode Island will be April 1 – November 15. Members who travel during the winter months are required to post scores on GHIN.com. Only scores from "In Season" areas are allowed ex: Florida, Arizona, Texas, etc. If you haven't done so, you can receive your updated handicap index via e-mail after every revision by going to the GHIN.com website and entering your e-mail. Your updated handicap index will be e-mailed to you on the 1st and 15th of each month. It's important for golf professionals, handicap chairmen and tournament chairmen to coordinate which revision will be used during a club event when the revision date falls on those dates.

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Burke Fund To Recognize Tom Ryan

The Burke Fund will present the John P. Burke Award to Tom Ryan, former Chairman, President & CEO of CVS Caremark Corporation, at a banquet celebrating the Burke Fund's 65th Anniversary on May 29. The John P. Burke Award recognizes an individual or organization that has reached extraordinary levels of achievement while helping others through golf. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. For more information, contact the Burke Fund at (401) 272-1350 or visit www.burkefund.org.

Message from the President



Stephen J. Feinstein

First of all let me wish all of you a healthy and Happy New Year. May the year 2012 bring many birdies and low scores to you and full memberships to all your clubs.

For those of you who were not able to attend the RIGA Appreciation and Recognition Night, you really missed a wonderful evening. It highlighted all that is good about golf in Rhode Island. The list of inductees into the Rhode Island Golf Hall of Fame was impressive. Each of their presenters shared with us so many detailed and sometimes humorous stories and together wove a memorable picture of golf in Rhode Island. Ledgemont Country Club is surely to be thanked for their efforts in making that such a grand evening.

Speaking of thanks, it is appropriate to recognize the dedicated staff that really makes the RIGA. Without Bob Ward, Jim McKenna and Kate McCurry RIGA

would not be what it is. It is the strong relationships that they have with the club golf pros, managers, and superintendents that allows us to achieve our goals. Thanks to all our clubs who contribute their golf courses and enable the RIGA to conduct the many tournaments it does in a first class manner.

Of course RIGA is a volunteer organization and sometimes their work often goes unnoticed and under appreciated. Thanks to past President Cameron Quinn for his tireless efforts and many contributions. Lets recognize the work of Jules Cohen as Director of Handicapping and Brian Harbour and his team for the continuing task of Course Rating. We should be proud of the professionalism with which our tournaments are conducted thanks to rules officials like George Fowler, Brian Harbour, Steve Sampson, Bill Reid, Joe P and Joe Koziarek.

I am honored to be elected as President of the RIGA. My years as a vice president and serving on the Board have taught me that I am following in the footsteps of a great many distinguished gentlemen. I shall strive to continue that tradition and contribute to the success of the RIGA. I am proud to serve my term with such a capable operating committee consisting

of Ted Greene, Dr. John Carocchia, Luke Hyder, Peter McBride and immediate past president Cameron Quinn.

Lets not forget the most important part of the RIGA – YOU! Your support and participation make this all possible. Your membership and tournament participation are what's behind the remarkable tournament calendar. Congratulations to all our 2011 champions.

One of the most unique programs of the RIGA is certainly the Weekly Invitational Packages. Not only is the revenue generated from this program vital to the financial health of RIGA, but it affords our members the opportunity to visit and play the many truly spectacular courses in our state. If you have not participated before, get a group together and do so.

On a sad note the RIGA lost several long time and revered members. Past President Julie Bloom who played golf at Ledgemont the day before he passed at 93 and long time RIGA friend and 1979 Senior Amateur champion Father Joseph Lennon who hit balls at Button Hole on a regular basis until his time of passing.

Here's wishing you all a healthy, happy and successful golf year for 2012. ↑

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Bob Ward

As the RIGA prepares for its 110th golf season I would like to thank everyone involved who helped and supported the association during the 2011 season - member clubs,

their boards, golf pros, superintendents, support staff, members, volunteers and players. The RIGA had a successful year and contributed \$255,000 back to its member clubs.

I would like to congratulate the 2011 RIGA champions and all who participated in one or more events. The season had a few exciting highlights which included Brad Valois dominating play at the amateur, Jamie Lukowicz finishing 2nd in the Rhode Island Open, Dr. George Pirie shooting

67 in the 3rd round of the Stroke Play, Bobby Leopold making it to the round of 16 in the US Amateur and the Player of the Year coming down to the final event of the season with Leopold edging out Charlie Blanchard by 17 points.

The 2012 championship calendar will again be a great one, with Wanumetonomy hosting the 107th Amateur Championship in July and Ledgemont hosting the RI Open in August.

If you haven't played in a RIGA event before or in a while please consider competing with some of the most avid golfers in Rhode Island.

Two great stories of the 2011 season was the resurrection of two RIGA member clubs. Valley CC was purchased by a group of members after facing foreclosure and had a productive season with membership numbers growing. Crestwood CC was bought by a member and has doubled

its membership numbers over the winter. Membership information for all RIGA member clubs can be found on each clubs website which can be accessed through the RIGA member clubs link.

I would like to thank the RIGA member clubs and its members for their continued support of the Burke Fund and Button Hole. The Burke fund just completed its 65th year of giving back to employees of member clubs with a commitment of \$127,000 to 79 students. Button Hole is entering its 11th year of introducing kids to the game of golf. Over 10,000 kids are now considered Button Hole kids which will hopefully turn into new members of RIGA member clubs in the near future.

I'm looking forward to another exciting season of amateur championship golf and serving the golf community in Rhode Island, have a great golf season. ↑

2011 RIGA YEAR IN REVIEW

13th John P. Burke Memorial (Net)

May 3-4, Newport CC/Shelter Harbor GC

1	Curt D'Aguanno, Quidnessett CC	69-67--136
T2	Frank Angeloro, Quidnessett CC	64-75--139
	Glenn Wojcik, Newport National GC	67-72--139
T4	Richard Pitrone, Triggs Memorial GC	70-71--141
	Bill Myers, Swansea CC	72-69--141

111th United States Open (Local Qualifying)

May 10, Newport CC

1	Jeff Dantas	Seekonk, MA	73
2	Richie Werenski	South Hadley, Ma	74
3	Matthew Broome	Barrington, RI	75
4	Edward Kirby	Wakefield, RI	76
5	William Maguire*	Middletown, RI	77

1st Playoff Hole

13th John P. Burke Memorial (Gross)

May 16-17, Carnegie Abbey/Wanumetonomy G&CC

1	Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoisett CC	68-74--142
T2	Rob Grossguth, West Warwick CC	69-74--143
	Matthew Broome, Rhode Island CC	69-74--143
	Jonathan Bartlett, Carnegie Abbey	71-72--143
5	Jason Kalin, Metacomet CC	76-72--148

62nd Four-Ball Championship

May 31 - June 1, Green Valley CC

1	Jonathan Bartlett	Carnegie Abbey	
	Darin Eddy	Carnegie Abbey	69-65--134
T2	Joe Ducharme	Warwick CC	
	George Gooding	Warwick CC	70-66--136
	Tyler Fay	Wannamoisett CC	
	Eddie Hjerpe	Rhode Island CC	69-67--136
	Rick Angeli	Potowomut GC	
	Peter Taylor	Quidnessett CC	67-69--136
	Jared Adams	Crestwood CC	
	Andrew Fiorenzano	Carnegie Abbey	65-71--136

18th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Gross)

June 7-8, Point Judith CC

1	Marc Forbes	Wannamoisett CC	
	Tom Goryl	Wannamoisett CC	68-70--138
2	Tom Acciaro	Agawam Hunt	
	Dr. George Pirie	Valley CC	69-70--139
T3	Dave McNally	Foster CC	
	Peter Sozek	Metacomet CC	68-72--140
T3	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	
	Mike Soucy	Valley CC	68-72--140
T3	Don Backlund	Sakonnet GC	
	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	70-70--140

50th Northeast Amateur Invitational

June 22-25, Wannamoisett CC

1	Peter Uihlein, Orlando, FL	66-68-62-65--261
2	James White, Acworth, GA	70-67-63-64--264
3	Blayne Barber, Lake City, FL	70-66-65-64--265
4	Patrick Rodgers, Avon, IN	68-67-64-67--266
T5	Emiliano Grillo, Argentina	67-71-68-62--268
	Bank Vongvanij, Gainesville, FL	68-66-67-67--268

18th Ed Perry Senior Four-Ball Champ. (Net)

June 14-15, Valley CC

1	Vincent DiMartino	Montaup CC	
	Robert Hill	Montaup CC	63-63--126
2	Murray Cianciolo	North Kingstown GC	
	Ken Whorf	North Kingstown GC	63-65--128
T3	Robert Chiarillo	Valley CC	
	Bob Masello	Valley CC	64-65--129
T3	Anthony Dinizio	Valley CC	
	Ed Silva	Laurel Lane CC	65-64--129
T3	John Neary	Montaup CC	
	Michael Salvo	Montaup CC	67-62--129
T3	Bill Beaulieu	Potowomut GC	
	Bob Conte	Potowomut GC	63-66--129

Father & Son Championship

June 28-29, Agawam Hunt

Senior Division - Mike Burke & Ben Tuthill

Junior Division - John & Brad Auclair

17th Parent & Daughter Championship

June 29, Agawam Hunt

Senior Division - Dan & Deb Cyronak

Junior Division - Robert & Nicole Petrocchi

2011 Rhode Island Public Links Championship

July 2-3, Cranston CC/Triggs Memorial GC

1	Dave Jones	Triggs Memorial GC	69-72--141
T2	Rob Grossguth	West Warwick CC	69-74--143
	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	69-74--143
4	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	74-71--145
T5	Dave McNally	Foster CC	71-76--147
	William Boyd	Newport, RI	75-72--147
	Jonathan Drumm	Cranston CC	72-75--147
	Joe Miozza	Cranston CC	75-72--147

106th Amateur Championship

July 12-16, Potowomut GC

Qualifying

T1	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	69-67--136
	Jonathan Bartlett	Carnegie Abbey	70-66--136
3	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoisett CC	70-68--138
4	Michael Caprio	Wannamoisett CC	69-72--141
T5	Steven Merluzzo	Metacomet CC	74-69--143
	Jamison Randall	Alpine CC	71-72--143



BenjaminTuthill, Bobby Leopold and George Donnell

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Quarterfinals

Alex Stimpson, Portsmouth, RI (9) def. Bobby Leopold, Potowomut GC (1), 20 holes
 Steven Merluzzo, Metacomet CC (5) def. Jim Rose, Swansea CC (29), 4 and 3
 Jonathan Bartlett, Carnegie Abbey (2) def. Jonathan Pannone, Warwick CC (7), 3 and 2
 Brad Valois, Metacomet CC (11) def. Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoisett CC (3), 2 and 1

Semifinals

Steven Merluzzo, Metacomet CC (5) def. Alex Stimpson, Portsmouth, RI (9), 1 up
 Brad Valois, Metacomet CC (11) def. Jonathan Bartlett, Carnegie Abbey (2), 1 up

Finals

Brad Valois, Metacomet CC (11) def. Steven Merluzzo, Metacomet CC (5), 10 and 8

82nd New England Amateur Championship

July 18-20, Metacomet CC, East Providence, RI

1	Jeff Hedden	Black Hall Club (CT)	66-67-64-70--267
2	Richy Werencki	Orchards GC (MA)	66-67-68-72--273
3	Brad Valois	Metacomet CC (RI)	73-70-67-66--276
T4	Scott Congdon	Foxborough CC (MA)	69-69-70-71--279
T4	Peter Williamson	Hanover CC (NH)	64-67-72-76--279

28th Stroke Play Championship

July 25-26, Warwick CC

1	Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoisett CC	66-70-71--207
T2	Dr George Pirie, Valley CC	73-67-68--208
	Brad Valois, Metacomet CC	71-68-69--208
4	Jonathan Pannone, Warwick CC	67-68-74--209
5	Dave Patrick, Rhode Island CC	70-71-70--211

90th Junior Amateur Championship

August 2-5, Ledgemont CC

18-Hole Qualifying

1	Seamus Fennelly, Foster CC	34-37--71
2	Peter French, Ledgemont CC	33-39--72
3	Eric Marchetti, Ledgemont CC	33-40--73
T4	Mathew Corio, Wannamoisett CC	38-36--74
	Jake Bauer, Green Valley CC	38-36--74
	Patrick Healey, Kirkbrae CC	36-38--74

Championship Division

Quarterfinals

Seamus Fennelly, Foster CC (1) def. Adam Southworth, Jamestown GC (8), 5 and 4
 Mathew Corio, Wannamoisett CC (5) def. Patrick Healey, Kirkbrae CC (4), 5 and 4
 David Kraunelis, Swansea CC (7) def. Peter French, Ledgemont CC (2), 4 and 2
 Cameron Andrade, Rhode Island CC (11) def. Mckinley Slade, Wannamoisett CC (14), 1 up

Semifinals

Seamus Fennelly, Foster CC (1) def. Mathew Corio, Wannamoisett CC (5), 2 and 1
 David Kraunelis, Swansea CC (7) def. Cameron Andrade, Rhode Island CC (11), 2 and 1

Finals

David Kraunelis, Swansea CC (7) def. Seamus Fennelly, Foster CC (1), 5 and 3

First Division Finals

Jay Wong, Shelter Harbor GC (2) def. Jackson Walsh, Wannamoisett CC (4), 21 holes

Second Division Finals

Brad Auclair, Kirkbrae CC (1) def. Billy Palmer, Cranston CC (2), 3 and 1

Third Division Finals

Brad Lockhart, Potowomut GC (1) def. Zachary Regine, Alpine CC (7), 4 and 3

111th United States Amateur - Sectional Qualifying

August 3 - Segregansett CC

1	Joseph Toland, Dixville Notch, NH	66-70--136
2	Jonathan Pannone, East Greenwich, RI	69-69--138
3	Robert Leopold *1st Alt., Cranston, RI	69-71--140

80th Rhode Island Open

August 9-10, Kirkbrae CC

1	Mark Stevens, Concord, NH	68-67-69--204
2	Jamie Lukowicz, West Warwick CC**	69-69-68--206
3	Shawn Warren, Windham, ME	71-70-66--207
T4	Frank Dully II, Kernwood CC	71-71-68--210
	Troy Pare, Wannamoisett CC	71-72-67--210
	Jason Caron, Greenwich, CT	71-69-70--210
	John Stoltz, Concord Monster	71-72-67--210

** Low Amateur

New England Junior Amateur Invitational Championship

August 15-16, Brattleboro CC (Brattleboro, VT)

Rhode Island Team: Matthew Corio, Seamus Fennelly, Alex Grimes, Patrick Healey, David Kraunelis, McKinley Slade, and Adam Southworth.

Individual Competition: T2 Seamus Fennelly Foster CC 72

53rd Senior Amateur Championship (Gross)

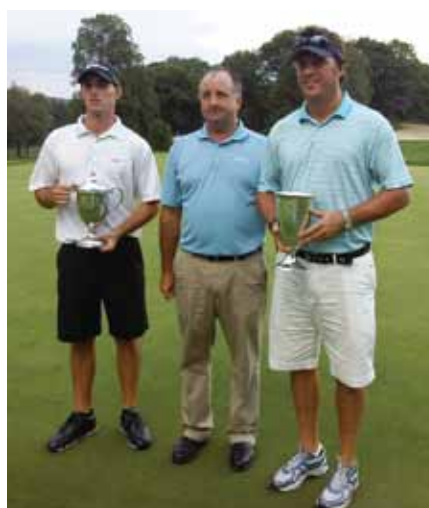
September 27-28, Crestwood CC/Pawtucket CC

1	Tom Acciaro, Agawam Hunt	68-74--142
2	Tom Goryl, Wannamoisett CC	72-72--144
3	Dave McNally, Foster CC	73-72--145
4	Dr George Pirie, Valley CC	74-72--146
5	Gary McLane, Rhode Island CC	70-77--147

53rd Senior Amateur Championship (Net)

September 27-28, Crestwood CC/Pawtucket CC

1	Frank William Veto, New England CC	66-70--136
2	Anthony Caprio, Melody Hill GC	67-73--140
3	Robert Xavier, Triggs Memorial GC	74-67--141
4	Edward Conforti, Montaup CC	74-68--142
T5	Robert Reiff, Triggs Memorial GC	76-67--143
	Marty Lightbown, Lincoln CC	72-71--143



Mark Stevens,
 Bob Ward and
 Jamie Lukowicz

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Darin Eddy &
Jonathan Bartlett

18th Mid-Amateur Championship

September 12-13 - Carnegie Abbey

1	Bobby Leopold, Potowomut GC	66-73--139
2	Benjamin Tuthill, Wannamoisett CC	72-68--140
3	Charlie Blanchard, Wannamoisett CC	69-73--142
4	Jim Stallman, Rhode Island CC	74-71--145
5	Jon Costa III, Crestwood CC	79-68--147

9th USGA State Team Championship

September 12-16, Mayacama CC, Santa Rosa, CA

1	Kansas	140-141-142 -- 423
T2	Rhode Island	144-142-141 -- 427
T2	North Carolina	143-143-141 -- 427
T2	Florida	141-145-141 -- 427

Rhode Island Team: Charlie Blanchard, Bobby Leopold, Garrett Medeiros

14th New England Senior Amateur Championship

September 20-21 - Racebrook CC (Orange, CT)

1	Dave Szewczul (CT), Tunxis Plantation GC	70-71--141
2	Andrew Congdon (MA), Wyantenuck CC	68-74--142
T3	Mike Cole (MA), Larry Gannon GC	77-67--144
T3	Philip Pleat (NH), Nashua CC	74-70--144
T3	Jim Hosey (MA), Orchards GC	71-73--144

52nd Senior Amateur Championship (Gross)

September 27-28, Rhode Island CC

1	Gary McLane*	Rhode Island CC	71-72--143
2	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	72-71--143
3	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	73-71--144
4	Dr George Pirie	Valley CC	70-76--146
T5	Jon Fasick	New England CC	71-76--147
T5	Herb Stevens	West Warwick CC	71-76--147

*won on third playoff hole

2011 Robert Mulligan Interclub Championship

September 22, Alpine CC

Team Champions: Metacomet CC - Rick Audette, Jr., Jason Kalin, Dave Nuttall, Jr., Steve O'Brien & Brad Valois

1	Metacomet CC	291
2	Wannamoisett CC	296
3	Pawtucket CC	299
4	Triggs Memorial GC	304
5	West Warwick CC	305

Individual Medalist: Brad Valois (Metacomet CC)

71st Mixed Foursomes Championship

August 30-31-September, Alpine CC

Championship Division: Ed Kennedy & Deb Cyronak (Potowomut GC) def. Mitch Pozez & Lauren Collins (Carnegie Abbey) 1up

1st Division: Dennis & Linda Meldonian (Cranston CC) def. Dr. John & Dr. Betty Carroccia (Alpine CC) 3 & 2

2nd Division: Ray & Doris Angers (Alpine CC) def. Ted & Jeanette Greene (Quidnessett CC) 3&1

78th Tri-State Matches

October 6-7, Lake of Isles-South Course, North Stonington, CT

Rhode Island Team: Bobby Leopold, Charlie Blanchard, Mike Caprio, Tyler Cooke, Ben Tuthill, John Costa, Brad Valois and Dave Patrick, Paul Quigley, Dr. George Pirie, Tom Acciaro and Dave McNally.

Final State Point Totals: Massachusetts 70 ½, Rhode Island 50 ½, Connecticut 41

5th Annual Weekly Invitational Net Championship

October 18, Potowomut GC

T1	Larry Bonoff	Potowomut GC	41*
T1	John Nugent	Glocester CC	41
T3	Conn Kelly	Fenner Hill GC	40
T3	Anthony Caprio	Melody Hills GC	40
T3	Tony Lonardo	West Warwick CC	40
T3	Jim Wade	Valley CC	40

*Net Stableford Points Scoring

2011 Player of the Year

1	Bobby Leopold	Potowomut GC	887
2	Charlie Blanchard	Wannamoisett CC	870
3	Brad Valois	Metacomet CC	830
4	Jamie Lukowicz	West Warwick CC	513
5	Dr George Pirie	Valley CC	370

2011 Senior Player of the Year

1	Dr George Pirie	Valley CC	810
2	Paul Quigley	Swansea CC	588
3	Tom Acciaro	Agawam Hunt	427
4	Dave McNally	Foster CC	415
5	George Donnell	Quidnessett CC	325



Joe P. & Stan Buluik



Charlie Blanchard



Thanks to Everyone for
Another Great Year!



2012 Weekly Invitational Packages

Registration for the 2012 RIGA Weekly Invitationals will be the same process as it has in recent years. There are only a couple of small changes to the weekly program for 2012.

The program is open to all members of a RIGA member club and players are required to sign up as a foursome. The designated captain will be the contact for each group. Captains are asked to ensure that each player has paid their \$20 RIGA annual dues before the first event. When completing the registration form please include the email address of each player in the group. This will help with communication in the event something changes for a given weekly.

The only applications that will be considered are those that arrive via U.S. Postal Service Mail postmarked no earlier than March 7th. Tee times will range from 7:30-12:30. If early groups cannot keep pace the RIGA reserves the right to assign that group a later time.

The Stableford scoring system will again be used in an effort to speed up play for each round. The top 30 players, the highest point totals, from each round will accumulate points toward the Weekly Net Championship (October 16 – Wanumetonomy Golf & CC). Again, players will collect points for each hole with a net double bogey being the limit. For the Weekly Net Championship, the fifteen players from each package, with the highest combined net Stableford totals, will qualify. To be eligible for the Weekly Net Championship a player must turn in a card for four of the six weeklies. Players are not obligated to participate in the “point’s race”, but may choose to play in the weekly program on a noncompetitive basis. Gift certificates for each weekly will be distributed by GROSS Stableford points within your handicap division.

Groups need to check in with the RIGA representative when ready to play. Any substitute players need to be changed so accurate scoring can take place. All scorecards should be turned into the golf shop once play is complete. The RIGA will again be posting all scores to the GHIN system.

The fee to participate in the Weekly Invitational program packages for 2012 will be \$1440.00 per package or \$360.00 per player and includes cart fees for each event. Credit cards will again be accepted as a form of payment, Visa, MasterCard or Discover only. Please complete the registration form completely if a credit card is used as the form of payment. If a Group would like to participate in multiple packages please indicate in the check box located on the bottom of the registration form. Packages are distributed on a first come first serve basis and multiple packages will be given out once everyone participating gets one package. The sign-up period will begin on Wednesday, March 7. Any mail postmarked prior to March 7 will be returned. No USPS Express Mail will be accepted that was initiated prior to March 7. “Walk-ins” to the RIGA office are NOT permitted. The RIGA office will inform the captains by mail & e-mail mid March. ↑

Package 1

Mon, Apr 30	Quidnessett CC
Mon, May 21	Rhode Island CC
Tues, June 12	Valley CC
Wed, July 18	Triggs Memorial GC
Tues, Aug 28	Alpine CC
Tues, Sept 18	Crestwood CC

Package 2

Tues, May 1	Pawtucket CC
Mon, May 14	Agawam Hunt
Mon, July 2	Meadow Brook
Mon, Aug 20	North Kingstown GC
Tues, Sept 4	Potowomut GC
Wed, Oct 3	Sakonnet GC

Package 3

Mon, May 7	Ledgemont CC
Tues, May 15	Kirkbrae CC
Tues, June 5	Alpine CC
Tues, Aug 7	Green Valley CC
Mon, Sept 17	Agawam Hunt
Tues, Oct 2	Warwick CC

Package 4

Tues, May 8	Wannamoissett CC
Tues, May 29	Metacomet CC
Tues, June 26	Crestwood CC
Mon, Aug 6	Fenner Hill GC
Tues, Aug 21	Valley CC
Mon, Oct 1	Point Judith CC

Package 5

Thurs, May 10	Misquamicut Club
Tues, May 22	Potowomut GC
Mon, June 18	Montaup CC
Mon, July 16	Foster CC
Tues, Sept 11	Ledgemont CC
Tues, Sept 25	Pawtucket CC

Weekly Invitational Net Championship

Tues, Oct 16	Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club
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2011 RIGA WEEKLY INVITATIONAL APPLICATION

Please clip or copy and mail to the RIGA office not postmarked earlier than **Wednesday, March 7.**

Packages are \$1440 per foursome per package. Includes cart fees.

Captain's Name _____ Club Affiliation _____
Captain's Address _____ GHIN# _____
Captain's Telephone (day) _____ (eve) _____ (cell) _____
Captain's Email _____
Captain's Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (expiration date) _____
Captain's Signature if paying by Credit Card _____

Please include information for additional players.

Player 1 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 2 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

Player 3 _____ Club Affiliation _____
Email _____ GHIN# _____
Telephone _____
Visa/Mastercard Number _____ (exp date) _____ Signature _____

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WRITE PACKAGE NUMBER IN SPACE NEXT TO CORRESPONDING CHOICE

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

TEE TIMES

7:30-7:56 _____ 8:04-8:30 _____ 8:38-9:04 _____ 9:12-9:38 _____ 9:46-10:12 _____
10:20-10:46 _____ 10:54-11:20 _____ 11:28-11:54 _____ 12:02-12:36 _____

Would you like to participate in additional packages? Yes No

Enclosed check payable to RIGA, One Button Hole Drive, Providence RI 02909 or print Visa/Mastercard number(s) on the reverse side within the personal information section and sign to authorize credit card payment.

Envelopes postmarked prior to Wednesday, March 7, 2012 will be returned unopened.



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Rules of Golf

The USGA and R&A have always consulted on the rules, but 2012 marks the first time the Rules of Golf will be universal. Three major changes will effect even the casual golfer. First, Rule 6-3a Time of Starting has been amended to read that a player who misses his tee time but arrives within 5 minutes is penalized loss of hole in match play and 2 strokes in stroke play. Once the 5 minute period ends a player is disqualified. Second, Rule 13-4 Ball in a Hazard; prohibited actions, exception 2 now allows a player to smooth sand and soil in a hazard at any time including before making a stroke provided it is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and Rule 13-2 is not breached. Third, a new exception to Rule 18-2b has been added which exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain the he did not cause the ball to move. **For a complete list of changes to the Rules of Golf for 2012-2015 you can visit www.usga.org. If your club is interested in hosting a Rules of Golf seminar please email rward@rigalinks.org to set up a date.**

Major Championships

The Fred Malcolm Memorial is back. Created to honor long time RIGA volunteer and scoreboard expert Fred Malcolm, the "Malcolm" is October 17-18 at Crestwood CC – a fun way to end the season. This will be a team event in which round 1 will be played as a four-ball (best ball of two) on the front nine, and foursome (alternate shot) on the back nine. Round 2 will be a scramble on the front nine and aggregate on the back nine.

The Rhode Island Open will be a three day, 54-hole event with the cut now taking place after 36 holes.

The Mixed Foursomes Championship will be played August 13-15 at Agawam Hunt. The Father/Son – Parent/Daughter is one of the most popular championship each year, and this year a pro division will be added so local PGA professionals can enjoy. RIGA will again post scores for all RIGA major championships with the exception of team events. In all championships where players compete as a individual the RIGA will automatically post a players score for handicap purposes with a "T" tournament score directly to the players scoring history.

Weekly Invitational

The Weekly Invitational program changes slightly this year. The first weekly will start Monday, April 30 at Quidnessett CC, two weeks later than in the past. This change will hopefully allow snowbirds to participate fully. The Weekly Net Championship will be at Wanumetonomy G&CC on Tuesday, October 16th. Gift certificates to weekly winners will be increased by \$5 for each division and will continue to be paid out based on a GROSS Stableford points within your handicap division. Certificates will be good at the club that hosts that week. Points for the Weekly Net Championship will be based on NET Stableford points.

The fee to compete in the Weekly Invitationals was increased by \$2 per player per round. Registration rules and form are located in this newsletter. Mailing date for requests is Wednesday, March 7. **Any questions please contact jmckenna@rigalinks.org.**